

VOTING FOR A KING.

Caucus of Members of the Cortes—Debate on the candidature of the Duke of Genoa—The Vote, &c., &c.

The candidature of the Duke of Genoa came up before a caucus of the majority of the Cortes on October 30, when General Prim, in a few words, went on to say that the Duke of Genoa was, as the meeting that he was an educated, sympathetic youth, and that he had begun to have whiskers and to ride horseback.

General Prim replied that Victor Emmanuel would not accept the crown for his nephew if it was not offered him by a great majority.

The speech of Senator Rosas, and some of his replies, we are assured by both friends and foes, were perfect models of oratory. Referring to the assertion of the opinions of the Union Liberals themselves, he said, "I call these suppositions malignant, and they will cause danger."

The meeting broke up after 3 o'clock, without coming to any decision. On the following evening, the President of the Council of Ministers (General Prim) explained the object of the meeting, which was first to discuss the candidature for the throne, if the Unionists wished it, and then to proceed to two votations—the first to elicit individual opinions, and the second votation to leave the camp open to those who believed it convenient to adhere to the vote of the majority, after having saved their personal compromise.

General Prim replied that he wished to treat the question in any way to suit the convenience of those deputies who wish to discuss it. With respect to the efforts made by the Government he recorded the unsuccessful result of the Portuguese candidature. The Duke of Aosta had also declined from motives of patriotism, and because the succession in Italy was not quite secured.

The adjourned meeting (October 31) was fatal to the Duke of Genoa. Senator Moreno Nillo opened the debate with a long speech, more academical than poetical, full of historical citations and critical and philosophical observations.

Senator Lopez Dominguez next spoke; more to sustain the dangers of a rupture of the concord than to uphold the disadvantages of the candidate, who, he said, was not to his taste.

This opened the road to Senator Ulloa, who asked the Government if they could find any means of retiring their candidate without wounding the dignity of anybody, and if they believed it possible within a given term to present another more acceptable? He wished to seek an expedient which would prevent the 31st of October seeing the separation of those who jointly had made the 29th of September.

the vote. The question was, "Do you accept the candidature of the Duke of Genoa?" 117 said "Yes," 73 said "No." The voting was then repeated in the same form, with the object that, each one having stated his opinion and his companions, they might see whether there were not some who would sacrifice these to the interests of policy. The result was 126 ayes, and 52 noes.

Silently and sorrowfully the deputies then commenced to retire, it being a quarter to 3 this morning.

At the hour at which we write there is no time to make observations, but we may remark that to the 126 votes the Duke of Genoa should have indispensably 65 or 70 more to place the crown on his head. This is impossible. Victor Emmanuel has said that he would only cede his nephew if he was voted for by two-thirds of the deputies who compose the Cortes. They are 341, and two-thirds are 227. Among the 126 who voted were all the "Esparteristas," and 10 or 15 who are subject to re-election through having accepted commissions with salary, and all the "world of missions and Government employes. There being 341 deputies admitted, it remains that there are 215 who either have not voted him, or cannot vote him, or who do not believe the matter so urgent as to cause them to attend at this display of forces.

PEABODY'S FAMILY.

Antecedents and Connections. The name Peabody is supposed to have been derived from Peabodie, a kinsman of Boadicea, who after one of the disastrous conflicts of the Britons with the Romans in the first century, retired to the mountains of Wales, and became the progenitor of a large family. Boadicea, among the ancient Britons, signified sun, and Pea signifies mountain. Hence Boadicea and his tribe came to be known as Pea-bodies, or mountain men. The name afterward took various forms, and the father of Francis Peabody was John Paybody, the ancestor of both the Peabodie and the Peabody families of Rhode Island. John Paybody came to this country in the same year with his son Francis Peabody, but not in the same vessel, and settled in a different colony. His descendants of the second generation dropped the first y from the name, and their children were so unwise as to change the last to ie. In the fourth generation the name appears in the three forms—Peabodie, Peabodie, and Peabody.

Francis Peabody, the son of John Paybody, and the ancestor of the great philanthropist whom the world mourns, was born in St. Alban's, Hertfordshire, England, in 1614, and came to Massachusetts in 1635, in the ship Planter, being named in a certificate required of emigrants at that time as "husbandman." He first settled at Ipswich, but in the summer of 1638 removed to Hampton, with thirteen others, the party being the original settlers of that town. He was made freeman in 1642 and in 1649 was chosen as one of three men to "ende small causes." In 1650, "being minded," as he said, "to live nearer Boston," he moved to Topsfield, where he became a large landholder. His wife was the daughter of Richard Foster, whose family is honorably mentioned in "The Lay of the Last Minstrel" and in "Marianne." He had fourteen children, and died in 1695. His oldest son John was born in 1642, and had ten children, of whom the fifth was Ensign David Peabody, born July 12, 1678. David had eleven children, of whom the tenth was David, Jr., born October 4, 1724, and married to Mary Gaines of Ipswich. Their children were ten in number, the sixth being Thomas, the father of the philanthropist, who was born in Andover, September 7, 1762. Thomas Peabody married Judith Dodge, of Haverhill, in 1788, and had the following children:—David, born April 25, 1790; Achsah Spofford, born Nov. 14, 1791; George, born Feb. 18, 1793; Judith Dodge, born April 5, 1799; Jeremiah Dodge, born Jan. 23, 1805; Mary Gaines, born Sept. 7, 1807; and Sophronia Phelps, born Nov. 4, 1809. Judith Dodge Peabody married J. Russell, Esq., of Georgetown, Mass., and George Peabody Russell, with whom the illustrious friend of humanity spent most of his time during his last visit to this country, was their son. Jeremiah Dodge Peabody lives in Zanesville, Ohio, and has two sons in New York, viz.,—Arthur J. Peabody, of the firm of Charles Scribner & Co., and George H. Peabody, of Jenkins, Vail & Peabody.

A CHILD'S LETTER.

"Mark Twain" Puzzled by One. The most useful and interesting letters we get here from home are from children seven or eight years old. This is a petrified truth. Happily, they have got nothing else to talk about but home, and neighbors, and family things their betters think unworthy of transmission thousands of miles. They write simply and naturally, and without strain for effect. They tell all they know, and then stop. They seldom dream in abstractions or homilies. Consequently their epistles are brief, but, treating as they do of familiar scenes and persons, always entertaining. Now, therefore, if you would learn the art of letter-writing, let a child teach you. I have preserved a letter from a little girl eight years of age—preserved it as a curiosity, because it was the only letter I ever got from the States that had any information in it. It ran thus:—

St. Louis, 1865.—Uncle Mark, if you was here I could tell you about Moses in the bulrushes again. I know it better now. Mr. Sowberry has got his leg broken off a horse. He was riding on Sunday, and Margaret, that's the maid, Margaret has taken all the spittoons and sloop buckets and old jugs out of your room, because she says she don't think you are coming back any more, you have been gone too long. Sissy McElroy's mother has got another little baby. She has them all the time. It has got little blue eyes like Mr. Swinley that boards there and looks just like him. I have got a new doll, but Johnny Anderson pulled one of the legs out. Miss Dusenberry was here yesterday; I gave her your picture, but she don't want it. My cat has got more kittens—oh! you can't think—twice as many as Lotta Belden's. And there's one such a sweet little buff one with a short tail, and I named it for you.

All of them's got names now—General Grant, and Halleck, and Moses, and Margaret, and Deuteronomy, and Captain Semmes, and Exodus, and Leviticus, and Horace Greeley—all named but one, and I am saving it because the one I named for you's been sick all the time since, and I reckon it'll die. [It appears to be mighty rough on the short-tailed kitten for naming it for me. I wonder how the reserved victim will stand it!] Uncle Mark, I do believe Hattie Caldwell likes you, and I know she thinks you are pretty, because I heard her say nothing could hurt your good looks—nothing at all—she said, even if you were to have the smallpox ever so bad, you would be just as good-looking as you were before. And my papa says she ever so smart,

Very truly yours,
MARGARET DODGE PEABODY.
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[Very.] No no more this time, because General Grant and Moses are fighting. ANNE. The child reads on my toes in every other sentence with perfect looseness, but in the simplicity of her time of life she doesn't know it. I consider that a model letter—an eminently readable and entertaining letter, and, as said before, it contains more matter of interest and real information than any letter received from the East. I had rather hear about cats at home and their truly remarkable names than listen to a lot of stuff about people I am not acquainted with, or read "The Evil Effects of the Intoxicating Bowl," illustrated on the back with the picture of a ragged scallawag pelting away right and left in the midst of his family circle with a junk bottle.

A Great Financial Scandal.

London is soon to be treated with the details of a great financial scandal, involving a loss to the unfortunate shareholders of the Imperial Land Company of Marseilles of no less than £764,719, or nearly four million dollars. As yet only the outline of the case is given. It seems that in 1866 the Credit Foncier and Mobilier of England, Agria and Fancerman's Bank, and the national bank became the promoters of a land company with the above name, with a capital of £1,600,000. The directors were four members of Parliament, none of them well known on this side of the Atlantic, M. Emile de Girardin, and about a dozen other gentlemen of London and Paris. In the prospectus it was stated that the company had been in process of organization for nearly a year, and that on the purchase of the land which was to be the basis of the company's operations an immediate payment of £656,523 must be made, the rest of the purchase money to be paid in instalments. The stockholders were to have 10 per cent. divided for the first two years, and were led to expect that afterwards, besides that rate of interest, they might expect still further gains in stock and premiums. The scheme was very attractive, and notwithstanding that several dangerous features were pointed out by the daily press of London, the shares were quickly taken. Nevertheless, after a short career the company failed, and the Court of Chancery appointed three well-known gentlemen as liquidators. The affairs of the company were lately brought into notice by a circular addressed by the chairman of the Credit Foncier of England to the shareholders of that company, the assignee of the Credit Foncier and Mobilier of England. He says that under the present liquidation of the Imperial Marseilles Land Company, the shareholders of Credit Foncier are threatened with the danger of having to pay up their liabilities to be expended in wanton and fruitless litigation. He therefore calls a meeting of the Credit Foncier for the purpose of memorializing the Vice-Chancellor to change the liquidators. This circular was published in the money articles of the London papers, and served to bring out a reply from the liquidators, showing why the Credit Foncier is so anxious to have the liquidation otherwise administered. They say that they have discovered that while the promoters of the company professed to have paid for the land in Marseilles the sum of £1,169,323, they in reality paid only the sum of £344,604, and that the balance, £764,719, or more than two-thirds, "found its way into the pockets of certain persons from whom we, the liquidators, shall seek to recover it." They add that the companies represented by the writer of the circular referred to received more than half the amount, and that steps have been taken to bring the matter to the attention of the court, so that the shareholders may receive some of the money they have paid. It appears to be by no means certain that the offense of which the promoting companies were guilty is one that can be reached by the law, but the trial of the case will bring out some points of great interest.

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